

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment respectfully are requested prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees.

The claims are amended hereby. In commenting on the claim amendments, we first refer to the translated Amendment Under Article 34. Claims 1 and 2 are not further amended over the Article 34 Amendments. Claims 3-5 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Claims 6-13 are cancelled. The only reason that claims 6-13 are cancelled, however, is because of problems in the printing font selected. To ensure proper printing of any patent issuing from this application, claims 6-13 respectively are replaced by new claims 14-21. Also, new claims 14-21 likewise have been drafted to avoid multiple dependencies. One additional change in claim 21 over claim 13 is noted. That is, claim 21 uses --comprising-- as a transition rather than "wherein".

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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